


Supplemental Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No.: 09/994,891

To support Applicant's position that one of ordinary skill in the art would not arrive at the present invention based on the disclosure of Nagao, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 signed by Masakazu NISHIKAWA.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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